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SUBJ: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN INDONESIA

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY GOI MILITARY AND BY LETTER TO AMBASSADOR FROM PRINCIPAL REFUGEE INVOLVED THAT NINE MORE VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAVE LANDED IN PALEMBANG, (SOUTHERN) SUMATRA, ON BOARD SMALL FISHING VESSEL. REFUGEES ARE:

A. TRAN HUU DAHN, AGE 38, FORMER DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES, MINISTRY OF CULTURE, EDUCATION AND YOUTH. TRAN'S LETTER TO AMBASSADOR STATES HE ATTENDED SIX MONTH AID-FUNDED TRAINING COURSE IN ASHINGTON ON "INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS" IN 1973.

B. MRS TRAN, AGE 35, FORMER TEACHER OF VIETNAMESE LITERATURE AT LE QUI DON EDUCATIONAL CENTER, SAIGON.

C. SON, TRAN HUU DU, AGE 14, STUDENT (GRADE 8).

D. DAUGHTER, TRAN HUU THIEN HUONG, AGE 13 STUDENT

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(GRADE 7).

E. DAUGHTER TRAN HUU THIEN NGA, AGE 11, STUDENT (GRADE 5).

F. SON, TRAN HUU DUNG, AGE 9 STUDENT (GRADE 3).

G. SON, TRAN HUU DUY, AGE 5, STUDENT KINDERGARTEN).

H. NGUYEN THI MOT, AGE 68, RETIRED HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER(FRENCH) MOTHER IN -2 9\* 54-, #77 \$-.#.

I. NGUYEN CHI HIEP, AGE 20 STUDENT LAW FACULTY, UNIVERSITY OF SAIGON, BROTHER OF MRS TRAN

2. IN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR DATED MAY 20, TRAN REQUESTS PERMISSION TO ENTER UNITED STATES. GOI MILITARY REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY OFFICER BE DISPATCHED TO PALEMBANG TO INTERVIEW TRAN AND THAT EMBASSY TAKE CHMRGE OF HIM AND PARTY.

3. EMBOFFS MET MAY 22 WITH COL PURNOMO (GOI DEFENSE DEPT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AND INDONESIAN MILITARY LIAISON OFFICER IN THIS CASE). ALSO PRESENT AT MEETING WAS INS REGIONAL DIRECTOR TED PRICE, CURRENTLY VISITING JAKARTA FROM HONG KONG. EMBOFFS INFORMED PURNOMO OF USG POLICY ON REFUGEES, AND SUGGESTED THAT TRAN OR GOI FORWARD REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO UNHCR OR OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES. PRICE EXPLAINED TO PURNOMO THAT, WHILE US WILL PROBABLY ULTIMATELY ACCEPT ADDITIONAL VIETNAMESE REFUGEES, CURRENTPROCESSING LOAD FOR REFUGEES NOW IN US CUSTODY MAKES FURTHER ACCEPTANCES AT THIS TIME IMPOSSIBLE. PURNOMO INDICATED UNDERSTANDING OF THIS POSITION AND UNDERTOOK TO COMMUNICATE INFORMATION TO TRAN PARTY. EMBOFFS INDICATED NO POSSIBILITY FOR EMBASSY REP TO TRAVEL TO PALEMBANG AT THIS TIME.

4. ACTION RDQUESTED: REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT (1) IF POSSIBLE, CONFIRM IDENTITY AND FORMER POSITION OF TRAN; AND (2) INFORM EMBASSY IF TRAN FAMILY FOR ANY REASON KNOWN TO DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE SPECIAL ELGIBILITY FOR PAROLE INTO US.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FORWARDED BY GOI CONCERNING TRAN PARTY AND/OR ACTIONS TAKEN BY GOI IN CASE. NEWSOM

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